

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Press Conference at William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Monday, September 22, 2014, at 2:00 pm**

### **University of Hawai'i's senior law professor notifies U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder, Jr., of war crimes committed in the Hawaiian Islands**

HONOLULU (September 19, 2014) – Senior law professor Williamson B.C. Chang has reported to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Jr. that war crimes have and continue to be committed in the Hawaiian Islands. Professor Chang is a faculty member of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law and has been with the law school for the past thirty-eight years.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs' (OHA) top executive, CEO Kamanaopono Crabbe, contracted political scientist, Dr. Keanu Sai, to draft a memorandum on the legal status of Hawai'i under international law. Based on information Sai disclosed in what has become known as the *OHA Memo*, CEO Crabbe authored a letter to Secretary of State, John Kerry. Crabbe sought legal clarification on the status of Hawai'i from Secretary Kerry primarily because Sai concluded that OHA is in possession of monies acquired from the "State of Hawai'i's" general fund through pillaging.

Pillaging is prohibited under article 33 of the 1949 Geneva Convention, IV, being a war crime under U.S. federal criminal law as well as a felony. According to 18 U.S.C. §2441 "Whoever, whether inside or outside the United States, commits a war crime...shall be fined under the this title or imprisoned for life or any number of years, or both, and if death results to the victim, shall also be subject to the penalty of death."

The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia has defined pillaging, which is the same as plunder, as "the fraudulent appropriation of public and private funds belonging to...the opposing party." According to the *OHA Memo*, the State of Hawai'i is not a legitimate government under international law and as a self-declared entity it has no authority to collect taxes from individuals throughout the Hawaiian Islands. This fraudulent collection of monies is a form of pillaging from public property that belongs to the Hawaiian Kingdom, not the United States.

In the letter addressed to Attorney General Holder, Professor Chang described his reporting of war crimes as being obligated under Federal criminal law and if he did not report the war crimes he could be fined or imprisoned for three years. "Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §4—*Misprision of felony*, I am legally obligated to report to you the knowledge I have about multiple felonies that *prima facie* have been and continue to be committed here in the Hawaiian Islands," Chang said. "I have been made aware of these felonies through the memorandum by political scientist David Keanu Sai, Ph.D., who was contracted by the State of Hawai'i Office of Hawaiian Affairs, entitled *Memorandum for*

*Ka Pouhana, CEO of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs regarding Hawai'i as an Independent State and the Impacts it has on the Office of Hawaiian Affairs."*

Chang explained the action taken was not only prompted by a legal obligation, but also because he's a State of Hawai'i employee. "I and other State officials and employees receive State monies that have been implicated as being gained through the commission of felonies, namely the war crime of pillaging, and we could also face prosecution under 18 U.S.C. §3—Accessory after the fact," Chang said. "I am deeply concerned about this matter that affects all State of Hawai'i officials and employees, including myself personally."

Due to the urgency of the matter Chang's letter asks for a response from the Department of Justice within two weeks. If the Department of Justice's "response in two weeks is able to refute the evidence provided for in the *Memo*, then assuredly the felonies—*war crimes*—have not been committed," Chang said. The letter goes on to say, "But if your office is not able to refute the evidence, then this is a matter for the U.S. Pacific Command, being the occupying power, and all State of Hawai'i officials and employees, as well as I, are compelled to comply with Hawaiian Kingdom law and the law of occupation."

Chang's letter was also carbon copied to the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command headquartered at Camp Smith, Island of O'ahu, and to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands.

The press conference will be located in front of the Administration building across from the Law Library. Parking is provided in the parking structure behind the law school at \$5.00.

Joining Professor Chang at Monday's press conference will be some of the 17 State of Hawaii employees from the University of Hawaii, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Safety, the Maui Fire Department, and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, who endorsed the letter. Dr. Sai will also be at the press conference.